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# Polk County News

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on All of Your **Eats**  
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Kidney Beans, " " "	10
Pink Beans, " " "	10
Lye Hominy, three cans for	25
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R. W. CLEMMER

## Along the Hiwassee

Extracts from "Annals of  
Tennessee" by Ramsey  
Printed in 1853.

(Submitted by J. D. Clemmer)

Desoto, a large Indian, was  
ward. During the next five days  
they traversed a chain of easy  
mountains, covered with oak and  
mulberry trees, with intervening  
valleys rich in pasturing with clear  
and rapid streams. These moun-  
tains were twenty leagues across,  
and quite uninhabited. The chief  
received them with great parade,  
and courtesy and conducted them  
to his village, which consisted of  
three hundred houses. It stood  
on a pleasant spot bordered by  
small streams, that took their rise  
in adjacent mountains. On the  
second day of their march they  
entered the small town of Cona-  
sauga, continuing five days. June  
25 they came in sight of Ichaha,  
thirty leagues from Guaxule.  
Ichaha stood on one end of an  
island, five leagues in length. Here  
the Indians showed the Spaniards  
how they obtained pearls from the  
oysters that were taken from the  
river. Choulla, a town on the  
skirts of a mountain, with a small  
rapid river flowing by it, may  
have been the modern Cherokee  
Chilhowee. The province was  
Achalague. Conasauga may have  
been the present Conasauga. Two  
forts or camps visited in 1834 on  
the west bank of the Tennessee  
river, one mile above Brown's fer-  
ry, below the mussel shoals, cer-  
tainly belongs to the expedition of  
DeSoto. It is believed that DeSoto  
visited the southern part of East  
Tennessee, and turning west  
across and recrossed the Tennes-  
see river.

"DeSoto had 950 Spaniards, and  
Cubans, etc., making over 1000.  
350 horses.

"Cherokees have a tradition  
that when their tribe first crossed  
the Alleghenies and settled upon  
the little Tennessee river, some  
Creeks had previously occupied  
the country near the mouth of  
Hiwassee river. These Creeks  
pretended to enter in upon an al-  
liance with the Cherokees, in a  
war against the Shawnees, but  
secretly aided the common enemy.  
Their treachery becoming known  
to the Cherokees, while celebrating  
a national feast at Chota. And  
the Creeks were suddenly killed

by the Cherokees. A general war  
caused the Creeks to leave Ten-  
nessee."

"In the center of the Cherokee  
towns circular towers rudely built  
and covered with dirt, thirty feet  
in diameter and twenty feet high,  
within it were beds made of cane  
and rather tastefully arranged  
around its circumference. Each  
tower had a single narrow door,  
no windows, no chimney. The  
tower was used as a council house,  
as a place of celebrating the green  
corn dance and other national  
ceremonials. First wagon road  
into Tennessee was made in 1777  
from C. H. Washington Co. to  
Burke Co. N. C. Boards were  
used on all houses till then, when  
near Jonesboro the first shingle  
covered house was built."

"Early in his administration,  
Col. Alexander Spotswood, Lieut.  
Gov. of Virginia, was the first  
who passed the Appalachian  
mountains, or Great Blue Hills,  
and his attendants were called  
Knights of the Horseshoe, having  
discovered a horse pass."

"In 1693, twenty Cherokee chiefs  
waited on Gov. Smith and asked  
the protection of his government  
against the Esaw and Congaroe  
(Coosaw) Indians."

"In 1730 Sir Alexander Cum-  
mings sent to treat with the Cher-  
okees, over 20000. Met them at  
Nequasse. He demanded of the  
Cherokee chiefs to acknowledge  
themselves subjects of King George,  
and to promise obedience to au-  
thority. Upon which the chiefs  
falling on their knees, solemnly  
promised obedience and fidelity,  
calling upon all that was terrible  
to fall on them if they violated  
their promise. So, Sir Alexander  
Cummings, by their unanimous  
consent, nominated Moytoy of  
Tellico (Tellico) commander in  
chief of the Cherokee nation. The  
crown was brought from Tennessee  
(their chief town) which with five  
eagle tails and four scalps of their  
enemies Moytoy presented to Sir  
Alexander, requesting him to lay  
them at his majesty's feet upon  
his arrival in Britain. But Sir  
Alexander proposed that he depute  
some of his chiefs to accompany  
him to England and do homage  
in person to the great king."

"Six of them did accompany  
him, and promised the king to re-  
main his faithful servants. A  
treaty was then drawn up, formal-  
ly adopted, and in consequence of  
this treaty, a condition of friend-  
ship and peace continued for many  
years."

"In 1740, traders went among

## Local and Personal News

Go to Sunday school.

A telephone has been placed in  
the Masonic hall.

Miss Chassie Copeland visited  
in Ducktown recently.

Hon. J. Harry Swan has re-  
turned from Nashville.

Calvin Ayre of Cleveland was  
in Benton, Sunday and Mon-  
day.

Hugh Kirksey of route 1 was in  
Benton, Tuesday, and called at  
the News office, paid his respects  
and a dollar to the editor.

Hon. John S. Shamblin is at  
work on a serial story which will,  
when finished, be published in the  
News. It is interesting. Watch  
for it.

Rev. T. M. Hicks preached at  
Mount Hermon, Sunday morning,  
filling the appointment of Rev. J.  
E. Fogleman, who is assisting in  
a revival at Ducktown. In the  
afternoon he preached at Rahts  
chapel.

Prof. J. L. Brewer has been in-  
vited to deliver the literary ad-  
dress at Conasauga graded school.  
The graduation exercises at this  
school will be held Friday night.  
The Conasauga school has of old  
been one of the best public schools  
in the county, and this year, with  
Mrs. Concoe as principal, it has  
been especially successful. Sev-  
eral of the graduating class expect  
to enter the high school at Ben-  
ton.

the Indians from Virginia. Mr.  
Vaughn, packman, transported  
their goods. The route pursued  
was along the Great path to the  
center of the Cherokee nation.  
The traders and packmen gener-  
ally confined themselves to this path  
till they crossed the little Tenn.  
river, then spreading out among  
the several Cherokee towns west  
of the Unaka mountains, continued  
their traffic as far down as Bear  
creek below Mussel shoals where  
they met the competition of trad-  
ers supplied from New Orleans  
and Mobile. A hatchet, a pocket  
looking glass, a piece of scarlet  
cloth, a trinket and other articles  
of little value, which at Williams-  
burg could be bought for a few  
shillings, would command from an

Go to Sunday school.

The county prisoners have been  
working on the streets.

R. B. Wilson and family are  
now residents of Benton.

Joe Williams of Copperhill was  
a Benton visitor recently.

Lee Carter of Benton route 1  
called at the News office, Tuesday,  
got his share of the free garden  
seed and paid a dollar for sub-  
scription.

Mrs. Cheney, formerly Miss  
Daisy Tilley, who has been with  
her husband, on the Mexican  
Border, for several months, is at  
her home near Benton.

Jack Frost and Jim Davis, of  
Cleveland, happened to bad luck,  
Sunday, when their ford stopped.  
Warren Copeland assisted them  
out with a Maxwell.

John Fannin was painfully  
bruised, at a sawmill not far from  
Benton, Tuesday. Two logs  
rolled on him, bruising his legs.  
It is hoped that the injuries will  
not prove fatal.

CUT THIS OUT--IT IS WORTH MONEY

Don't miss this. Cut out this  
slip, enclose with 5c to Foley &  
Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago  
Ill., writing your name and ad-  
dress clearly. You will receive in  
return a package containing Fol-  
ey's Honey and Tar compound  
for coughs, colds and croup; Fol-  
ey's Kidney Pills and Foley Ca-  
thartic Tablets. Benton Drug Co.

Indian hunter on the Hiwassee or  
Tennessee peltries amounting in  
value to double the number of  
pounds sterling. The trap and  
the rifle thus bartered for procured  
in one day more game to the  
Cherokee hunter than his bow and  
arrow and his deadfall would have  
secured during a month of toil-  
some hunting. White hunters  
began to accompany the traders  
and go on long hunts themselves.  
As early as 1748 a party of hun-  
ters went with Dr. Thos. Walker  
of Virginia and others and named  
Cumberland mountains, gap and  
river in honor of the Duke of  
Cumberland, then prime minister  
of England.

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## F. L. STEPHENS Up-To-Date Barber Shop

I take pleasure in announcing  
that I now have one of the most  
up-to-date and sanitary shops in  
the state and am prepared to  
serve the public in a satisfactory  
manner. Especial attention given  
to children's hair cuts.

Shave	10c
Hair Cut	25c
Child's or School Boys'	
Hair Cut	15c

F. L. STEPHENS

Shop next door to Benton Bank

## Local and Personal News

Clerk and Master A. J. Williams  
was in Knoxville recently. While  
there he spent a while with Rev.  
W. R. Barnett.

Four street lights now beam  
forth from the corners of the pub-  
lic square in Benton and rival the  
splendor of the dawn with the  
glory of the night.

County Engineer C. P. Williams  
of Wetmore was a Benton visitor  
last week. He gave the News  
office a call and assisted the in-  
stitution financially.

You owe it to yourself and your  
state to attend Sunday school on  
April 8th, Go-to-Sunday-School  
Day. If you find there any good  
for yourself, or any opportunity to  
do good for another, become a  
permanent member.

The free garden seed we ad-  
vertised last week are gone. The  
News's readers knew a good op-  
portunity. We are glad we could  
do them this favor.

NOTICE. — Having sold my  
stock of general merchandise to  
Rymer & Son, all who are indebt-  
ed to me are hereby notified to  
settle their accounts, by cash or  
note, immediately, and thereby  
save costs. J. H. Love.

March 1, 1917.

## New Paper at McCaysville.

Local and Personal News  
of Copperhill and the  
Basin.

Misses Lena and Fannette Arn-  
wine visited in Ducktown recently  
as the guests of their aunt, Mrs.  
W. Hattom.

Miss Bessie Mull of Isabella  
spent Saturday at the home of her  
sister, Mrs. T. C. Tippet.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hunter  
left Saturday for Hayesville, N.  
C., to hold a series of meetings.

Mrs. F. P. Singleton and chil-  
dren, Pat and Alice, have return-  
ed from a visit to Mr. Singleton's  
parents at Edison, Ga.

Miss Lena Frye of Maryville is  
visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl  
Abernathy.

John E. Burton of Chattanooga  
was in Copperhill recently.

Miss Margaret Tippet, who  
taught at Postelle, will finish the  
unexpired term of J. R. McClure's  
school at River Camps.

Ralph W. Guinn has gone to  
Maryville.

Karl P. Harris has gone to  
Atlanta.

Evelyn Dale of Andrews,  
visiting her sister, Mrs.  
Kelly.

Maude Dallar and Amy  
stopped in A. Malool's big

Miss Elsie Thomas, who has  
been visiting in Copperhill, has  
returned to her home in Blue  
music was rendered.

Ernest Williams, who has been  
in Hopewell, Va., for some time,  
has returned.

Miss Nellie Mull of Near Min-  
eral Bluff, Ga., is visiting her  
sister, Mrs. J. H. Ballew.

J. C. Young has gone to Hope-  
well, Va.

Mrs. C. A. Jarrard of Gales,  
Ohio, who has been visiting her  
brother, J. J. Barclay, has return-  
ed to her home.

A new paper has been launched  
by the Sward Printing Company  
in McCaysville, Fannin county,  
Ga. It will be called the "State  
Line Ledger." It is published  
every Friday and the editors are  
J. R. McClure and Luther Cobb.

Billikins

## Have You Seen the Fifth Wheel?

This Is a Strong New Weber Wagon Feature

YOU can find the new fifth wheel, the biggest wagon  
improvement, only on International wagons. We  
can demonstrate how the Weber fifth wheel makes  
the best wagon still better.

The famous fifth wheel on the Weber, made of strong,  
malleable iron, with large wearing surface, does these things:  
It distributes the strain on the front bolster and sandboard;  
overcomes pitching of bolster, so preventing bending or  
breaking of the king bolt; does away with pulling up of front  
bolster and bending of circle iron.

The top plates of the fifth wheel are widest, so the lower  
plates are protected and no dirt gets in between. The more  
you study the merits of this feature, the more you will appre-  
ciate its importance.

Walter M. Harrison

